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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 805

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to capital access, establishing a
7 Capital Access Oversight Committee and a capital access
8 fund; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 44.06 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 5. CAPITAL ACCESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

12 Sec. 44.06.300. CAPITAL ACCESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) There is
13 established in the Office of the Governor the Capital Access Oversight
14 Committee consisting of five members appointed by the governor. Members
15 are appointed for four-year terms and may be reappointed. Members shall
16 be appointed on a nonpartisan basis. One member shall be selected from
17 each judicial district.

18 (b) The members of the committee are entitled to receive per diem
19 and travel expenses as authorized by law under AS 39.20.180.

20 (c) The committee shall meet at least semiannually. A majority of
21 the committee constitutes a quorum.

22 Sec. 44.06.302. PURPOSE OF THE CAPITAL ACCESS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

23 (a) The purpose of the Capital Access Oversight Committee is to study
24 and recommend to the legislature methods for improving access to state
25 government.

26 (b) For purposes of this section, "methods for improving access to
27 state government" include

28 (1) toll-free telephone service to state offices in the
29 capital city and to state offices in any other city in the state;

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- (2) transportation facilities serving the capital city;
- (3) continuous television coverage of legislative sessions and legislative committee meetings, broadcast throughout the state live or on a tape-delayed basis;
- (4) audio and video teleconferencing equipment for each city in the state for citizen communication with state offices in the capital city or in any other city in the state;
- (5) research and development of new technologies for remote area teleconferencing;
- (6) reimbursement for travel costs for legislators to their home districts from the capital city once a month during a legislative session, available if notice is given and a public meeting is held with constituents in the district;
- (7) any other methods designated by the committee.

Sec. 44.06.304. CAPITAL ACCESS FUND. There is established in the Office of the Governor the capital access fund to carry out the purpose of AS 44.06.300 - 44.06.302. The fund may be used for no other purpose. The Department of Revenue is the custodian of the fund. From legislative appropriations to the fund, the Capital Access Oversight Committee may approve expenditures for programs and projects for improving access to state government.

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).